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# The Rising Star

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### *Special Shabbat Service*

Friday evening, 6 March 2020, 7:30 p.m.

The Sabbath service on 6 March 2020 will be led by Richard Dimentstein and Andy Friedman. Incorporated into the ceremonies will be traditional *Purim* prayers and a reading of the *Megillah*. Randy & Tony Cavaliere will be hosting an oneg this evening. Members and friends of Temple Beth Elohim are invited to add appropriate food to be served after this service. You are also invited to wear a costume for this event.

### **Why do we dress up with costumes on Purim?**

It is an ancient Jewish custom to dress up in different costumes on *Purim*. In the story of *Purim*, the Persian king, Ahashuarus, gets drunk at a party and kills his queen, Vashti. He then marries Esther a cousin of the Jewish leader Mordechai. When the king's prime minister, Haman, develops a plot to kill all the Jews in the Persian Empire, Mordechai convinces Esther to use her influence with the king to save the Jewish people.

In the *Purim* story plot there are no outright miracles, but many unrelated details come together to save the Jewish people. It is not a story of supernatural Godly involvement like the exodus from Egypt that involved ten plagues and the splitting of the Red Sea. It is a story of natural events playing out in a way that is evident that there is a 'hidden hand' directing the story of events and ensuring a happy ending.

Purim reminds us that while we don't usually see 'sea splitting' miracles, there is a 'hidden hand' directing our experiences ensuring our lives play out according to the divine plan. While our world seems to be running on its own full of random unrelated events, it is God who hides behind the curtain of fate directing our experiences. To celebrate that, we hide ourselves by dressing up in costumes, appearing as something else, while our true selves remain hidden underneath the masquerade.



A *Purim* celebration in Israel



*Purim* in Europe prior to the holocaust

## Wisdom From Afar....

Suzan Cohen

I want to start by sharing a cute family story, a story from a Cohen family *seder* in the late 70's. We were living in Florida and had invited our friends John and Cindy to share the Passover meal with us. As the time to welcome Elijah approached, I looked toward the front door and happened to see a lizard. It was a little anole, and sighting one was not all uncommon – hardly cause for alarm. But John and Ned immediately jumped up, determined to remove the now terrified critter from the premises. Needless to say, hilarity ensued. (At one point, the lizard ran up John's pant leg!) As for me, well, I do remember saying, "Please don't hurt him – it might be Elijah!"



Ritual Scholar Suzan



Elijah?

I shared this to remind us that stories are important for all families and all faith communities. But for Jews, as a people who has spent the majority of its existence living among other people, our stories are a key element to our survival. The *Megillah* spiel and the Passover *Haggadah* are important stories because the latter tells how it all began, and the former tells how we survived an exile that could have destroyed us. But having funny family stories about how we have celebrated the

holidays in past years can be good to remember and share, because having these experiences gives us personal connections to the traditions of the holidays.

Wishing you all the best for *Purim* and Passover!

*Suzan*



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*Let us fervently pray for the comfort and recovery of our dear temple members and friends and for the continued strength of their caregivers*



**Susan & Brian Berry   Michael Davidson   Myles Derison**

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Let us pray together for the speedy recovery and complete restoration of health of

**SHANE FINKEL**

grandson of Carrol Sallas

## CHARITY DRIVES

We have set up two receptacles in our social hall. One is for clothing items. The other is for non-perishable food, toiletries and sundries. All that we collect will be donated to a local shelter or food pantry.

Please remember this when you are removing things from your drawers, closets and cabinets.

## *The Temple Beth Elohim Gift Shop Is Now Open*

Each and every Friday, before *Shabbat*, we will be selling Judaic items such as *mezuzah*, *yahrzeit* lights, ceramic trivets, *Chanukah* candles, and an assortment of unique objects d'art. Joy Birnbaum and Carrol Sallas will be on hand to act as customer service representatives.

## BIRTHDAYS

### MARCH

3 Ruth Farb  
4 Mace Lieberman  
8 Craig Lieberman  
20 Debbie Pentecost  
22 David Kossove

### APRIL

4 Michael Davidson  
12 Michele Bennett  
18 Lynn Davidson  
19 Tom Llewellyn  
20 Dick Rosen  
22 Brian Berry  
23 Marcia Katz  
30 Susan Berry



### MARCH

23 Jana & Paul Hletko

## ANNIVERSARIES

### APRIL

22 Debbie Smith &  
Alan Sherlock







Pesach 5777 on the USS Nimitz

## “ALL HANDS ON DECK”

The cleaning, cooking, getting rid of all *chametz*, setting the table, organizing the *seder*....If you think it's hard preparing for Passover, try doing it 500 nautical miles away from shore on an aircraft carrier. Lt. Nicholas Fritzhand was up to the task.

By day, Fritzhand was a weapon-systems officer: “the backseater,” he said, in fighter jets. He also oversaw about 30 sailors. Fritzhand used such leadership skills to run a Passover *seder* aboard the USS Nimitz, the oldest U.S. aircraft carrier in operation and one of the largest warships ever built.

Despite the ship's massive size, “Finding a space to have the *seder* itself was a challenge,” Fritzhand said. The crew numbered more than 5,000; add to that the provisions they needed for weeks at sea and all the necessary military equipment, making every inch of space used for goods and materials. Still he said, “There were a couple of options I explored, including having it in our ready-room space or a special part of the mess deck.”

Fritzhand grew up in Cincinnati and celebrated his *bar mitzvah* in a suburb called Wyoming. His involvement with Judaism grew as he did – through a powerful Birthright Israel trip, studying *Torah* while attending the University of Pennsylvania and undertaking a post-graduate year of *yeshivah* studies.

He said that during the previous six years of military service: “I strove to put on *tefillin* as much as I could and attended Friday night services on the boat with one or two others when I was not flying. My time in the U.S. Navy, and more specifically, being stationed in places without a substantial Jewish presence for the first time

in my life, had given me an added appreciation of Jewishness and its role in my life.”

The year before, nearly 50 members of Fritzhand's squadron celebrated Passover together at a house close to the base. “It was awesome sharing our history and culture and general *Yiddishkeit* with so many of my brothers- and sisters-in-arms,” he commented. That experience inspired him to organize a Jewish holiday celebration the following year.

But the challenge of leading a *seder* aboard the Nimitz didn't end with finding space. “There were no kosher kitchens on board,” said Fritzhand. Fortunately, he added, “the *Aleph* Institute had sent everything we needed to have a kosher *seder*, including *matzah*.”

*Aleph*, founded in 1981 at the direction of the *Lubavitcher Rebbe* – Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, of righteous memory – provided financial, emotional and spiritual assistance to Jews serving in all branches of the U.S. military and to those in prisons throughout the United States, as well as their families.

“We are sending supplies for more than 500 Passover *seders* across the globe,” said Rabbi Menachem Katz, director of Prison and Military Outreach of the organization based in Surfside, Florida. “This will serve about 5,000 people.”

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# DONATIONS

**Miriam & Louis Drucker** in memory of Frances & Lavene Gause  
**Shirley & AJ Giegerich** in memory of Ruth Ader, Arthur Giegerich, Meg Giegerich Irving  
**Roz Greenspon** in memory of Alwyn Goldstein, Thelma Goldstein, Frances Goldstein  
**Rosa Lee & Eric Heiden** in memory of Rose Heiden, Bari Heiden  
**Marilyn & Richard Horowitz** in memory of Shirley & Morris Horowitz  
**Marcia Katz** in memory of Ivan Katz  
**Ariane & Craig Lieberman** in memory of Morris Ulrich



## Seder at Sea

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Supplies included *Haggadahs*, seder plates, boxes of *shmurah matzah*, *charoset*, gefilte fish, chicken soup, and mashed potatoes. "Everything is shelf-stable," noted Katz. "getting things to Syria and to ships in the middle of Arabian Sea is not easy, but we ship very early and only via priority mail."

## Passover 5780

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### Temple Beth Elohim

Shortly, information about the temple's seder will be sent to all members and friends. The Board and its committees are currently completing plans. Seder will take place on Wednesday, 8 April 2020. The menu will offer appetizers and entrée (including sides). Participants will be invited to supply desserts.



### Our New Safety Measure

The side door of our synagogue (Highmarket Street) will be locked once services begin at 7:30 p.m. Worshipers are asked to ring the doorbell to the right of the doorpost so that you can be identified. Then someone will let you in.

### Mi Shebeirach List

A prayer for healing is chanted at each *Shabbat* service. The leader of the service will read from a list and then invite the congregation to call out names that are not on this list that is read weekly. If you wish to have a name added to the weekly list (or removed), you must submit the name to Richard Dimentstein ([rdimentstein@gmail.com](mailto:rdimentstein@gmail.com)).



## Yahrzeits



### MARCH

2 Lieba Kaufman	member Temple Beth Elohim
3 Adele Glassman	aunt of Susan Richman
3 Sonya Friedman	mother of Andy Friedman
4 Shirley Horowitz	mother of Richard Horowitz and Roberta Schwartz
4 Marvin Ball	member Temple Beth Elohim
7 Herman Baruch	member Temple Beth Elohim
8 Ruth Rosen	member Temple Beth Elohim
8 Annette Schultz	mother of Janet Solomon
13 Anthony Gennarelli	friend of Richard Dimentstein
15 Max Goldstein	member Temple Beth Elohim
16 Alwyn Goldstein	past president Temple Beth Elohim
16 Jean Sisser Schneider	aunt of Susan Berry
16 Yetta Liebowitz	grandmother of Marsha Green
16 Sanyiah Rose Katz	granddaughter of Marcia Katz
20 Pearl Richter	mother-in-law of Tish Richter
23 Augusta Lefkow	grandmother of Myla Specht and Ariane Lieberman
24 Celia Gold Feinberg	mother of Herb Feinberg
26 Christopher Cavaliere	son of Tony Cavaliere
27 Harold Joseph Kossove	brother of David Kossove
31 Lillian Rosen	aunt of Dick Rosen
31 Miriam W. Lumiansky	grandmother of Debbie Smith
31 Rosalie L. Klein	aunt of Susan Berry
31 Mary S. E. Lee	friend of Temple Beth Elohim



### APRIL

1 Marie Barish	great aunt of Craig Lieberman
1 Peter Giegerich	brother of AJ Giegerich
1 Theodore Berkman	father of Gerald Berkman
2 Charles Richter	father-in-law of Tish Richter
2 Henry Levkoff	uncle of Dick Rosen
4 Rosalie Green	mother of Marsha Green
6 Michael Simon	father of Ruth Feinberg
6 Fred Kaufman	member Temple Beth Elohim
6 Philip Jay Aarons	member Temple Beth Elohim
7 Max Joseph Hirsch	grandfather of Debbi Jones
8 Irene Kossove	mother of David Kossove
9 Irving Schultz	father of Janet Solomon
9 Maurice Stern	member Temple Beth Elohim
9 Rose Gold	grandmother of Herb Feinberg
11 Allan Glen Sallas	son of Carrol Sallas
11 Louis Kaufman	father of Art Kaufman
12 Alec Berest	grandfather of Michele G. Bennett
13 Alice Salles	mother-in-law of Carrol Sallas
15 Mary Berest	grandmother of Michele G. Bennett
17 Ella Nierenberg	grandmother of Randi Wollman
19 I. Meyer Lewenthal	member Temple Beth Elohim
19 Kathleen H. Cohen	mother of Alex Cohen
20 Hilda Kaufman	mother of Art Kaufman
20 Nathan Gold	member Temple Beth Elohim
21 Erma Rosen	mother of Dick Rosen
22 Joseph A. Zelesnick	grandfather of Craig Lieberman
24 Milton Smith	father of Johanna Goldman
24 Rae Cohen	mother-in-law of Suzan Cohen
25 Barney Solomon	father-in-law of Janet Solomon
28 Harry Fogel	member Temple Beth Elohim
29 Sam I. Radow	father-in-law of Art Kaufman

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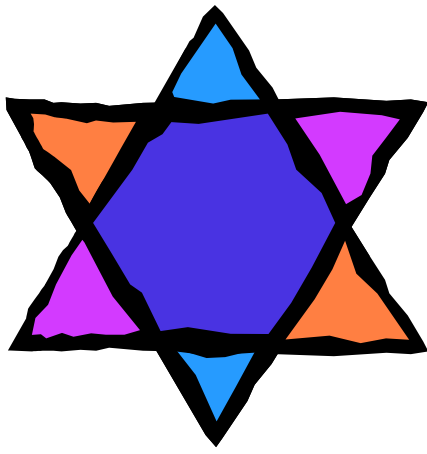
## *New Memorial Plaques*

Plaques are displayed permanently on our *Yahrzeit* Board and are lit on the death anniversary of the honoree. Any member who would like to memorialize a loved one should speak with one of our Board members.

## *Beth Elohim Cemetery*

Cemetery plots are for sale in our unique, historic resting place. The Cemetery Committee, chaired by SEYMOUR BIRNBAUM, has prepared the appropriate documentation for the purchase of gravesites.

Call the temple (843 283-7145) and request for copies of Burial Rights, Rules and Regulations, Fee Schedule, and a schematic of burial plot locations. All plots include perpetual care and will be available to current members of Temple Beth Elohim and to Non-temple members at a higher cost.



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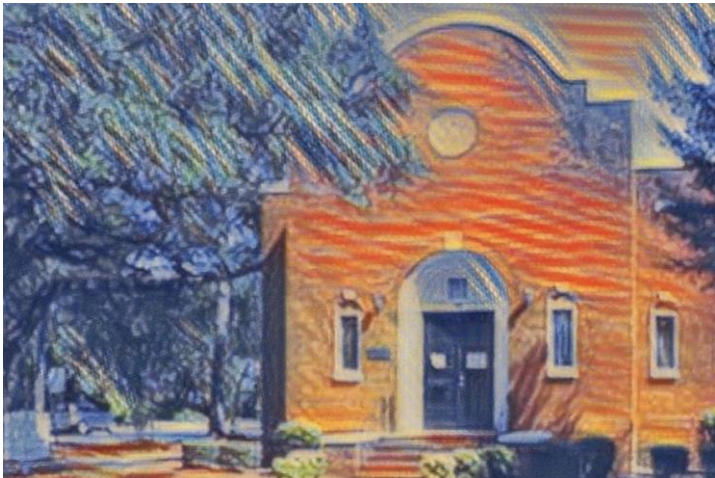
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